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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITION)
IN THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC)
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE)
OF ARIZONA)

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AEPCO'S JOINDER IN TEP'S
REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On December 1, 1997, the Hearing Officer issued a Procedural Order outlining a schedule for a generic stranded cost hearing. On December 3, 1997, TEP filed a request to modify which, inter alia, suggested simultaneous testimony filings by all parties on January 20 and February 2, rather than the Affected Utility filing on December 22. AEPCO supports that request:

Realistically, it will be very difficult to provide meaningful testimony on less than three weeks notice. AEPCO would like to offer the testimony of at least one outside expert/resource witness and immediately commenced the process of identifying and providing materials to that witness last week. That witness has expressed grave doubts as to his ability to review the various file materials, Rules and other relevant matters and produce appropriate testimony by December 22. AEPCO's internal policy witness faces similar problems.

Also, there is no need for Affected Utilities to file first. AEPCO and other Affected Utilities have already produced and provided to other interested Work Group parties a series of written positions on various stranded cost issues. On September 25, AEPCO also filed written comments to the Stranded Cost Working Group Report. Under these circumstances, two simultaneous filings by

1 the parties will be more than sufficient to
2 identify and narrow issues.

3 For these and other reasons, AEPCO requests that the
4 Procedural Order be modified to provide for all parties to file
5 direct and rebuttal testimony on January 20 and February 2,
6 respectively.

7 At the procedural conference, AEPCO will also suggest
8 calculation methodology as an additional issue to be addressed and
9 will request clarification that discovery or data requests should
10 be limited to policy issues.

11 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of DECEMBER, 1997.

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